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## Practice Areas and Industries Served

Christopher Shenfield practices corporate, construction, real estate and technology law and litigation in the construction, energy, financial services, food & beverage, manufacturing, real estate, healthcare, and software industries.

## Experience

Mr. Shenfield has litigated and tried cases in state and federal court involving contract, fraud, infringement, misappropriation, negligence, products liability, regulatory violation, unfair competition, unfair business practice & warranty claims. Mr. Shenfield has also negotiated and documented transactions and contracts for construction, software, energy, finance, franchise, health care, professional services and real estate companies. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Mr. Shenfield was a CPA for Deloitte Touche and a commercial banking executive.

## Professional Associations

- > San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
- > San Mateo County Bar Association
- > California Bar Association, Business & Litigation Sections

## Admissions

- > State Bars – California and Louisiana
- > United States District Court, Northern District of California
- > United States Courts of Appeals, Third & Fifth Circuits

## Education

- > J.D., *magna cum laude*, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 1995
- > B.A., Claremont McKenna College, 1986

## Representative Cases

- > Million dollar settlement against corporate borrower in fraudulent conveyance action.
- > Recovered \$4.3 million stolen from IRC §1031 tax-deferred account for commercial limited partnership.
- > Counseled multi-state franchise company in complex purchase, franchise, financing and leasing of retail oil services outlets.
- > Negotiated \$6 million stock repurchase & recapitalization for restaurant chain involving publicly-traded corporate partners.
- > Successfully defended software firm against former corporate partner for breach of contract, fraud and negligence.
- > Won arbitration award against general and sub contractors in a \$3 million dollar condominium construction defect litigation.

## Recent Presentations

- > “Professional Liability & The Right to Repair Act After Liberty v Brookfield Crystal Cove LLC”, Concord, California (2014)
- > “Tax Pitfalls and Planning for Foreign Purchasers of U.S. Real Estate”, CAALA, Los Angeles, California (2011)
- > “Construction Defect Litigation: Recent Developments”, SMPA, San Mateo, California (2014)
- > “Commercial Contracting and Litigation Risk in the Alternative Energy Industry”, San Francisco, California (2013)
- > “Arbitration of Franchise Disputes in the Food & Beverage Industry”, LSBA, New Orleans, Louisiana (2009)
- > “Mechanics liens and Stop Notices—Managing Contractor Risk”, San Jose, California (2013)